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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 4/16/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. First of all, the amendments made to the claims overcome the 101 rejection and objection, but would require further consideration/ search. Therefore, the amendments will not be entered.
3. The applicant argues the 112 rejection, and that page 6, lines 6-8 describes that the parts can be placed on the sensors within a predetermined time. However, the description does not disclose or specify what the predetermined time period is within.
4. Lastly, the applicant argues that Abrahams discloses a time-out loop that requires a fingerprint to be input within a predetermined time of when the fingerprint is requested, not within a predetermined period of time of one another. First of all, Abrahams predetermined time period is of one another (of the finger inputs) because the predetermined time period is between the entry of the fingerprints. Secondly, the predetermined time period can be interpreted as the time out period plus the time that the server requests the user to provide a fingerprint (fig. 5, step 354, plus time out period between 354 and 356, as disclosed in col. 6, lines 4-14), which is the time between the input of fingerprints, as the applicant describes in the arguments. Therefore, the claimed limitations are met by the prior art.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KATHLEEN S. YUAN whose telephone number is (571)272-2902. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursdays, 9 AM to 5 PM.

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